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CALENDAR

Board Meeting Aug 12
6 p.m. at Lion Mike
Kearney's office

SPEAKERS

Lions Forum—August 13

Aug. 20th—Dr. Bob Bush,
LSU-A

Aug. 27th—Rick Ranson,
Chamber of Commerce

BIRTHDAYS

John Amos 8/6

Chuck Fine 8/7

Bill Bush 8/10

David Caplan 8/12

THE LIONS TALE

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The pledge was led, loudly and proudly, by **Lion John Paul Adams**. **Lion Rev. Gary Van Horn** voiced our blessing.

Reminder: **Lion Susan Ballard**, our new Tail Twister, has instituted a protective program whereby Lions can pay \$5 to escape any form of harassment or fines from the Tail Twister. Some have referred to this program as “extortion” and others have gladly paid up.

Lion Beverly Price returned from her mission trip to China. Welcome back, Lion Beverly!

We were happy to see **Lion Jenny Sooter** after a long absence. She brought Dr. Eric Reich, a new doctor at Alexandria Eye and Laser, as her guest.

There was no winner of the 2 Card Draw, although **Lion Bob** and **Lion Aaron** drew for it among lots of joking from the crowd.

There will be a Board meeting on Tuesday, August 12 at 6 p.m. at Lion Mike Kearney's office. The A. G. Edwards office at 1528 Dorchester. (Long time Alexandrians will remember it as the old Cotton Gin)

The Cubsight program will get going after school starts this fall. Team A needs a coordinator. If you can help out, contact Lion Bob.

The Eye Foundation Board meeting is this weekend. Lion Harmon and Lion Chuck plan to attend. Lion Harmon was pleased to announce that the Foundation has returned “home” after Hurricane Katrina. The building is finally finished.



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Our speaker today was Carlyne Hoyt, founder and director of the Next STEP program. Next STEP provides transitional housing for survivors of domestic violence. It's where women and their children can go after their 45-60 days at Turning Point. The program is still in its establishment phase. They hope to have at least 3 and probably 6 houses opened by January.

Because of some technical difficulties, we were unable to view the 20 minute presentation. However, Ms. Hoyt easily spoke (without notes) about the problem of domestic violence and the needs in our community.

October is Domestic Violence awareness month. Central Louisiana will host Yvette Cade to tell her story. She is a survivor of domestic violence in the workplace. She filed for a divorce and her ex followed her to work. He threw a flammable liquid on her and set her afire. She survived against tremendous odds.

Many employers are not aware that if they ignore threats against an employee, they could be held liable if violence intrudes into the workplace. Employers need to take reasonable precautions to protect their employees.

So far in 2008, four women in Rapides Parish have been murdered by their batterer. Domestic violence is a real problem that many refuse to "see." It affects all races and socio-economic backgrounds. Ms. Hoyt told of one woman who came to Rapides Parish during an escape from her physician husband in another state. She had her children and the clothes on her back. But she was driving a Lexus SUV.

Ms. Hoyt offered to return another day when her technical difficulties are solved.